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Lawrence R. Carmen Jr. *et al.* : 6232-253 (193789)
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For: Control System for Uniform Movement of : Examiner:
Multiple Roller Shades : Johnson, Blair M.

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
(RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT)

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ELECTION

The Examiner asserts that the application contains patentably distinct species of claimed invention identified by the examiner as follows:

Species 1: The embodiment of one roller shade (claims 1-13, 20)

Species 2: The embodiment of two roller shades (claims 14-19)

The applicants provisionally elect Species 1 (claims 1-13, 20) for prosecution in the present application.